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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DARIN L. PETERSON ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 10/035,375

FILED: NOVEMBER 1, 2001

FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
RETAINING A TRAY STACK HAVING A
PLURALITY OF TRAYS FOR CARRYING
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES**

EXAMINER: JANICE LEE
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ART UNIT: 3652

CONFIRMATION No.: 2472

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed November 1, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 52-67. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David T. Dutcher".

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